



October 11, 2023

The Honorable Juan Ciscomani
US House of Representatives
1429 Longworth HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

RE: Support for Border Enforcement, Security, and Trade Facilitation Act of 2023

Dear Congressman Ciscomani,

On behalf of the Greater Nogales Santa Cruz County Port Authority, I write to express our support for the Border Enforcement, Security, and Trade (BEST) Facilitation Act of 2023. We applaud your efforts to find ways to help facilitate trade, enhance our nation's security, and embracing technology that makes our ports of entry more efficient.

The Port Authority has been a stalworth advocate for the need to ensure that our ports of entry are the best that they can be. To that end, it is our hope that with the creation of the Image Technician along with the Supervisory Image Technician, will bring dedicated personnel that is specifically trained for these functions, will permit Customs and Border Protection to take those officers that currently perform those monitoring functions, out to the inspection booths and docks to enforce all applicable laws. We believe this to be a more efficient use of current staffing.

The BEST Act is an additional reason why we continue to advocate for a complete overhaul of the staffing model for ports of entry. The mission continues to change, as new technologies are deployed, new mandates are applied, and new requirements are imposed that impact both operations and throughput.

We thank you for working with your colleagues in Congress to help pass the BEST Act and for the continued fight to get the necessary resources to our ports of entry.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Juan Ciscomani".

Chairman